

Kastle Kurrents



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A CAMPSITE IS BORN

As you look around the campsite is starting to come to life. Just a few days ago this was an empty field, but now it's a small village with lots of activity. The Scottish scouts arrived yesterday and have started to settle into camp life. Today we have seen and welcomed the arrival of our overseas guests who have joined us from many different countries. Go out and wish everyone Ceud Mile Failte which is a traditional Gaelic greeting meaning 'A Hundred Thousand Welcomes'.

We are really pleased to have you here and now is the time to make new friends, in this beautiful setting. You can have fun and enjoy the full range of activities and events which are all here for you to try.



The Overseas Troops Have



First Impressions

Our reporter spoke to the Clackmananshire and California patrol in Robertson sub camp. The Clackmananshire patrol enjoyed building their dining shelter and putting up the tents in the sunny weather for a change!! The Californians say they have been in the UK for eight days and have stayed in London, Stirling and Edinburgh and have visited Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument near Stirling. They have all tried Scotland's other national drink, Irn Bru, and all of them like it and wish it was sold in the USA! None of them have had the chance to try Haggis yet but are all looking forward to trying it at the Burns Supper.

In Murray sub camp we spoke to Fife and Morioka patrol from Japan. The Fife patrol are enjoying meeting friends from previous Blair Atholl camps and making new friends from across Scotland and round the world. The Morioka patrol have stayed in London for four days and saw all the famous sites including Buckingham Palace and Westminster. They have also stayed in Edinburgh where they enjoyed walking up the Royal Mile and going on the tour of Edinburgh Castle. Morioka particularly enjoyed the journey up to Blair Atholl from Edinburgh through the beautiful Scottish countryside and are enjoying the warm, sunny weather!

The patrol from Eindhoven in the Netherlands arrived in Scotland yesterday and what they have seen of Glasgow they liked, but they have loved the mountains they passed driving to Blair Atholl and they love the hills and mountains surrounding the campsite. They are all looking forward to doing the canyoning and fencing which is one of the new activities for this year. They have tried haggis before and all like it even after they found out its ingredients! Although they surprisingly don't like Irn-Bru!

Welcome To Kastle Kurrents

This is Kastle Kurrents your newly named daily newspaper telling all the tales from the field. What will be in the newspaper is entirely up to you. Scouts will be helping to write, edit and produce the paper as part of activities. We are looking for regional, national and international contributions. We need your stories, jokes cartoons and gossip. Our Kastle Kurrent Korrespondents will be coming to a subcamp near you to find out what you have to say. If you have anything you would like to be published, come along and see one of the Kastle Kurrents Team in the Kastle (our Kastle not Their Castle), near crafts. We will be leaving a box in each subcamp where you can put anything you would like to be included in the newspaper.



The White Cockade

The White Cockade was the badge worn by the followers of Prince Charles Edward Stewart who was also known as Bonnie Prince Charlie during the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-46. The Marquis of Tullibardine, son of the 1st Duke of Atholl, carried the Prince's standard when he landed at Moidart and gathered the clans in Glenfinnan. The White Cockade which was worn by the Marquis can be seen in a display cabinet in Blair Castle.. The Marquis' brother, Lord George Murray, was the general in charge of the Jacobite army.

Scouts can win a White Cockade badge by successfully completing 12 Activities (all day activities count as 2) and organise and participate in two social activities in the evening as approved by the sub camp uncle. In choosing their activities Scouts must choose at least one activity from each of the Activity Zones (Adventure, Basics, Creative, Sport and Treks & Toys). After each activity, the scouts get a sticky badge to put into the back few pages of their camp handbook to keep track of their progress.

B.A.R.T

B.A.R.T is the Blair Atholl Rescue Team which is an activity ran by J.A.M.E.S. When interviewed about his theology behind B.A.R.T, J.A.M.E.S said "It's all about holistic mountain skills and experience. Once you have participated, B.A.R.T is more of a state of mind than an activity. It's an invaluable opportunity to have fun, learn something new and is much better than mountain biking".

When asked about the dangers of B.A.R.T, J.A.M.E.S said the only real hazard is getting geographically embarrassed." When asked why he had decided to run B.A.R.T, J.A.M.E.S had this to, say "When a challenge presents its self, I have to rise".



Message from the Chief Scout Peter Duncan

Hello Jamborettes!

Sorry I can't be with you this year. I am playing the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in Michael Morpurgo's Robin of Sherwood on stage, so I will be running through the woods but only pretend ones. I hope you all have a great time and the midges do not fly up your kilts. May the glow at the end of the day while your soaking in the river and removing the mud from your ears be with you all.

Kind Regards,

Peter Duncan

Chief Scout and Robin Hood's nemesis

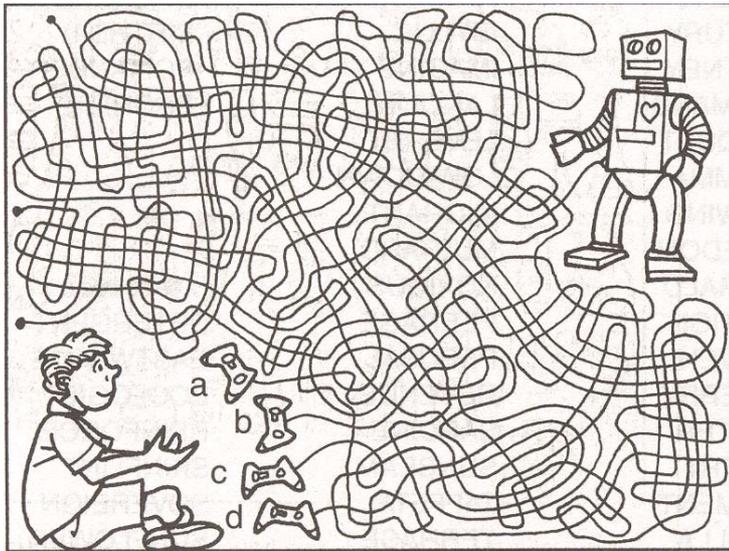
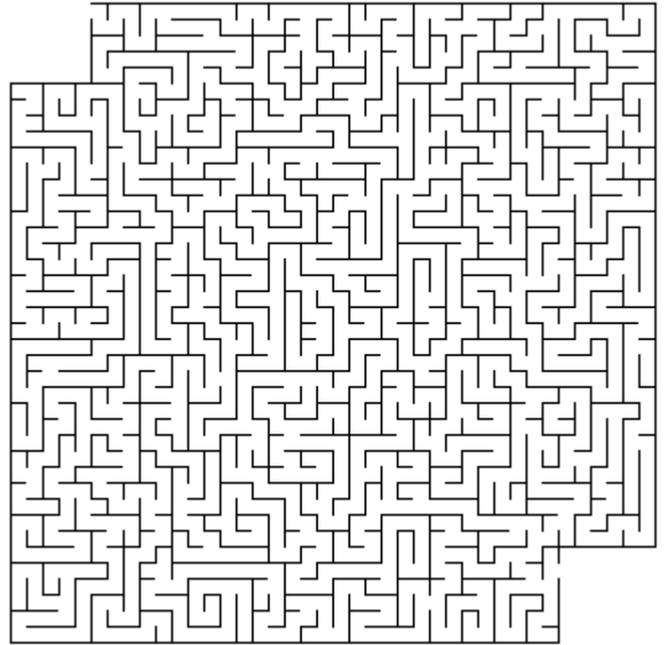


Congratulations

Someone is reaching new heights in his life and that someone is Gavin Rowan. He has just climbed his first ever Munro today.

Ooh I'm Puzzled!!!!

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Weather forecast for Wednesday

Sunny periods with a passing shower in the afternoon
High Temperature-21C



Dear Auntie Freeze,
How could get longer legs to keep up with the rest of
the hill team,

Love Phillip

Dear Phillip,
Have you tried wearing stilts they could make you heads and shoulders
above the rest of your team and you could take all the hills in your
stride.

Fun Fact

1. If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
2. Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
3. A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva. For example, if strong-tasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved, however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods. Try it!

Come along and strut your stuff see
who has the smoothest dance moves
and meet new friends on Wednesday
23rd July from 8.30pm at the

Kastle Opening Disco.

